

I want to thank my esteemed chairman for the clarity and tone of his remarks. Whichever way this vote will go, we will manage to get through this. But that we are doing this for the 17th time since 1980 suggests that we better look to our procedures in the future.

Mr. President, with thanks to the chairman, I yield back the remainder of my time.

Mr. ROTH. Will the Senator yield me 1 minute?

Mr. MOYNIHAN. I ask unanimous consent that Senator ROTH may have 1 minute.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I thank the distinguished Senator from New York for his remarks. I must, once again, urge the defeat of the so-called Moynihan amendment. If it should carry, I think it is critically important that it be recognized that we would be jeopardizing the ability of the Treasury to manage the public debt.

As I said earlier, we may not have until March 21, or even March 15. Treasury, again, has informed us that next week cash levels will be imprudently low and under \$1 billion. That is the reason it is critically important that we enact H.R. 3021 without amendment. As I have assured the distinguished Senator from New York, then we will look at the longer term and work together.

I yield the floor.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. GORTON (after having voted in the affirmative). Mr. President, on this vote I have a pair with the distinguished Senator from Kansas [Mr. DOLE]. If he were present and voting, he would vote "nay." If I were at liberty to vote, I would vote "yea." I withdraw my vote.

Mr. LOTT. I announce that the Senator from Missouri [Mr. ASHCROFT], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. CAMPBELL], the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. DOLE], the Senator from Florida [Mr. MACK], and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] are necessarily absent.

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], and the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANTORUM). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 43, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 24 Leg.]

YEAS—43

Akaka	Feinstein	Mikulski
Baucus	Ford	Moynihan
Biden	Glenn	Murray
Bingaman	Graham	Nunn
Bradley	Heflin	Pell
Breaux	Hollings	Pryor
Bryan	Johnston	Reid
Bumpers	Kennedy	Robb
Byrd	Kerrey	Rockefeller
Conrad	Kerry	Sarbanes
Daschle	Kohl	Simon
Dodd	Lautenberg	Wellstone
Dorgan	Leahy	Wyden
Exon	Levin	
Feingold	Lieberman	

NAYS—47

Abraham	Grams	Murkowski
Bennett	Grassley	Nickles
Bond	Gregg	Pressler
Brown	Harkin	Roth
Burns	Hatch	Santorum
Chafee	Hatfield	Shelby
Coats	Helms	Simpson
Cochran	Hutchison	Smith
Cohen	Inhofe	Snowe
Coverdell	Jeffords	Specter
Craig	Kassebaum	Stevens
DeWine	Kempthorne	Thomas
Domenici	Kyl	Thompson
Faircloth	Lott	Thurmond
Frist	Lugar	Warner
Gramm	McConnell	

PRESENT AND GIVING A LIVE PAIR, AS PREVIOUSLY RECORDED—1

Gorton, for

NOT VOTING—9

Ashcroft	D'Amato	Mack
Boxer	Dole	McCain
Campbell	Inouye	Moseley-Braun

So the amendment (No. 3465) was rejected.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was rejected.

Mr. LOTT. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the third reading and passage of the bill.

The bill (H.R. 3021) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, there will be

no more recorded votes today. However, I think it should be noted that we had hoped to move forward on the small business deregulation bill. There has been basically an objection to bringing that up at this time by one of the Democratic Members, perhaps other Members about bringing it up at this time. We are attempting though to reach an agreement on when that bill will be considered. It is one that passed overwhelmingly, unanimously, bipartisan, a good bill. I think everybody understands that. We have agreement on it. We should go ahead and move that legislation. I have discussed this with the distinguished Democratic leader. We are now trying to get an agreement on making sure that we get it up in a very short, reasonable period of time.

We will begin the omnibus appropriations bill on Monday morning. Amendments will be started on Monday with the votes to occur on Tuesday, and we will have some further specific announcement on the time of those votes. Also, we are expecting Members to have amendments ready on Monday on this omnibus appropriations bill. Again, I have discussed this with the Democratic leader. We do know already at least one amendment that will be ready on Monday is the Daschle omnibus amendment. We are working now, we are hoping maybe even here in the next few minutes to get some of the amendments, a list of the amendments that would be available on Monday.

I do want to emphasize also it is important that we get a reasonable agreement on time for handling this legislation because it will call for a conference with the House because there clearly will be differences between the two bodies' versions of the omnibus appropriations bill. We need to get it done in time so there can be a conference, an agreement in conference, and get this matter hopefully concluded by Thursday of next week.

There will be no votes on Friday and no votes on Monday, but I emphasize again we will begin debate on this omnibus appropriations bill with amendments to be offered. I hope Members will not try to hold their amendments to the second day. We just will not physically be able to accommodate that. We are going to work across the aisle to get an agreement on that at the appropriate time.

I do want to inform Members that later there will be a cloture motion laid down on Whitewater, and in all probability on the D.C. appropriations conference report.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT. I notice the Democratic leader is here. Just one final point. I now ask unanimous consent we have a period for morning business to 3:30 p.m. with Members permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.